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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, the following amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.